

CODIFYING FEDERAL LAWS.

WORK OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

NEW CODES FOR ALASKA—PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES AGAINST THE POSTAL SERVICE—REVISION OF THE JUDICIARY ACT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, July 20.—By an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill passed in 1897 Congress provided for the appointment of a commission to revise and codify the criminal and penal laws of the United States. In pursuance of this authority President McKinley appointed Mr. J. Thompson, of Ohio, who was a member of the XLIXth, Lth and LIth Congresses, Alexander C. Bohn, of Montana, and David B. Culbertson, of Texas, who was a member of Congress for twenty-two years and for eleven years the chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary. In September, 1898, Mr. Thompson resigned on being appointed Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. David K. Watson, ex-Secretary-General of Ohio and a member of the LIVth Congress, was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Bohn was chosen to succeed Judge Thompson as chairman of the Commission.

The first work of the Commission was the preparation of a penal code for Alaska. The act of 1884 extended the jurisdiction of the United States over the Territory of Alaska, and that act, and the provisions of the act of 1897, which provided a mist in many important respects, and the large accession to the population rendered it urgent that they should be revised and adapted to the local conditions. A criminal code and code of criminal procedure were prepared and reported to the Attorney-General, and the same were introduced into Congress with some amendments, including the addition of a system of licenses upon occupation. Congress enacted these codes, and they are now the law in that district—a result which is to be credited in a large measure to the unremitting efforts of Vespaian Warner, chairman of the House Committee on the Revision of the Laws, and to Senator Carter, of Ohio. In the mean time the Commission has added to the duties of the Commission the preparation of a civil code and code of civil procedure for Alaska. These were completed in December last, and are now in the hands of Congress.

PROTECTION OF THE MALES.

In February the Commission reported to Congress, through the Attorney-General, a revision of the laws defining and punishing offenses against the postal service. This work elicited warm commendation from the officials of the Postoffice Department, and it is probable that it will receive favorable action at the hands of Congress. It is a code of laws which defines offenses against the postal service, and it is probable that it will receive favorable action at the hands of Congress. It is a code of laws which defines offenses against the postal service, and it is probable that it will receive favorable action at the hands of Congress.

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NEWARK'S FIGHT FOR PURE WATER.

A RESOLUTION TO COMPEL THE OPENING OF THE CANISTEER RESERVOIR. The question of compelling the East Jersey Water Company to open the gates of Canisteer Reservoir, in the Pequannock watershed, so that the depleted Oak Ridge Reservoir may be refilled, was the subject of a resolution introduced at the meeting of the Newark Board of Works. Commissioner Herr offered a resolution instructing the City Council to prepare a notice to be served on the company, demanding that it should open the gates of the reservoir, and that the water allowed to flow into Oak Ridge. The matter was referred without debate to Chairman Ballard of the Water Committee, the City Council and Engineer Sherrill.

DUNELLEN WINS THE FIGHT.

THE TROLLEY COMPANIES GRANT ITS DEMANDS. Dunellen, July 20 (Special).—The borough of Dunellen has scored a victory over the trolley companies in its attempt to secure a five-cent fare to Plainfield and transfers between the cars of the Brunswick Traction Company. The matter has been settled by the trolley companies, and the fare has been reduced to five cents. The matter has been settled by the trolley companies, and the fare has been reduced to five cents.

SUIT FOR THE PRIZE IN A ROAD RACE.

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DR. E. C. BOWEN TO GO TO MANILA.

Dr. Edward C. Bowen has been appointed an assistant surgeon in the volunteer army, with the rank of first lieutenant, and assigned to the Department of California, with orders to report for duty in Manila. Dr. Bowen served as assistant surgeon with the 4th Regiment during the Spanish-American war, and with that organization was mustered out in March last. He was appointed captain and assistant engineer of the 4th on the recommendation of Captain and Assistant Surgeon Henry Wallace, who was mustered into the United States service with that regiment in May, 1898.

COLONEL SINX AT PITTSFIELD.

Colonel William E. Sinx has greatly improved in health, and has gone to Pittsfield, Mass. He will take his vacation there, having given up his plan of spending the summer in Europe. He is accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Hoyt, his physician, Dr. West, and a trained nurse. He does not expect to return until the opening of the Montauk Theatre, in the early fall.

ANOTHER DEEP WATER TURTLE CAUGHT.

Babylon, Long Island, July 20.—William Clock, of Islip, while fishing off Fife Island captured a deep water turtle like that taken at Patchogue a few weeks ago. The turtle was entangled in the net and was drawn to the surface. It weighs about twelve or fourteen hundred pounds, and, being too large to move, it was left on the beach. It measures about five and a half feet by five feet, and is very prettily marked.

THE TROPHY DAMAGED IN A COLLISION.

The steam yacht Trophy, owned by Frank M. Smith, was run into last Wednesday night near the Battery by a tugboat, and the trophy was damaged. The yacht's port quarter and part of the stern above the water line were completely out of the yacht put into Hawkeye's yard, at City Island, for repairs. The trophy was a schooner-rigged, 35-foot long, 12-foot beam and 4 feet 6 inches in depth. She was built in Brooklyn in 1889.

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